



## CITY OF FLINT

**Dayne Walling**

Mayor

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TESTIMONY FROM DAYNE WALLING, MAYOR, CITY OF FLINT

Senate Transportation Committee  
Sen. Tom Casperson, Chair  
Room 100, Farnum Building

**IN SUPPORT OF SB 940 (ANANICH, CASPERSON, ROBERTSON, PAVLOV)**

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senators,

The proposed amendment to 1949 PA 300 section 717 (MCL 257.717) as amended by 2008 PA 539 to include "Steel Pipe" in the list of products able to have a total outside width of 108 inches will allow for concrete and steel pipes to be treated equally in this regard.

As you may know, Sanilac County, Lapeer County, the City of Lapeer, the City of Flint, and Genesee County have formed a new water authority, the Karegnondi Water Authority. We are building a new raw water pipeline to serve our communities. We have examined all of the available pipe technologies. As Chairman of the Karegnondi Water Authority, I can tell you that it is only logical that steel and concrete pipes are treated equally in regards to the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this amendment and for your leadership. We want Michigan to be open for business to all types of businesses and the opportunity to create a level playing field is one way to attract development and investment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayne Walling  
Mayor, City of Flint